Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—So far as my Government is concerned, I can say that we are not thinking of withdrawing these cases. We are of the opinion that the law should take its own course.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—May I know whether it is the policy or attitude of the Government to continue like this with regard to the strike? A Central telegraphic official was arrested only 3 or 4 days back.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—As I said just now, if anybody has committed a mistake he has to be punished. Simply because one happens to be a Central Government employee, he cannot claim any immunity or privilege. He has to be treated as the ordinary citizen of the State or the country.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ.—ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರದವರು ದನ್ನಗಿರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಕೇರಳ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ದನ್ನಗಿರಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ಆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರಕಾರ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟಿಸಿತೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಕೇರಳ ವಿಚಾರ ನಾನು ಹೇಗೆ ಹೇಳಲಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ರಂಗನಾಥ.—138 ಜನರನ್ನು ಯಾವ ತಪ್ಪಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಅದನ್ನು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದೆ.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know the total number of employees who were on strike on the 19th?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಆ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Though, in Mysore State, the Central Government employees have decided not to go on strike, why were they arrested?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Our Police officers have arrested only those who have committed an offence under the Act.

Alteration in Mysore Excise Rules

193. Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some alterations in rule (19) of the Mysore Excise (Disposal of privileges of retail vend of liquor) 1967 were effected unauthorisedly by the Excise Commissioner during the recent auctions ;

(*b*) if so, the actual alterations made ;

(*c*) whether these alterations have resulted in certain relaxations in favour of the Excise Contractors and acted adverse to the interest of the Government ;

(*d*) if so, reasons for effecting such relaxation in the rules ;

(*e*) whether Government have been informed of this relaxation ;

(*f*) if not, reasons for not so doing ;

(*g*) whether Government was moved to simplify the procedure mentioned under the rule (19) before relaxation of rules ;

(*h*) if so, number and date of proposal made in this regard ;

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(*i*) if not, reasons for intimating all Deputy Commissioners of the State in respect of forwardal of proposals for simplification of rules to Goverment *vide* letter No. EXE. EXS. I. 1575/67 dated 12-12-1967.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*) Does not arise.
(*c*) Does not arise.
(*d*) Does not arise.
(*e*) Does not arise.
(*f*) Does not arise.
(*g*) No.
(*h*) Does not arise.
(*i*) Some of the Deputy Commissioners of districts where prohibition was relaxed, sought clarifiacation when the auctions were to be held in their districts. Excise Commissioner did not have sufficient time to obtain guidance from Government. He addressed a letter to Deputy Commissioners and later, when Government was informed, Government directed withdrawal of that letter. Action as above is also taken.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—In answer to (*a*), the reply is 'No'. I categorically say that there was an attempt made to alter the rules unauthorisedly by the Commissioner of Excise. The Commissioner of Excise by his letter of 12-12-67 addressed to the Deputy Commissioners of the State, discriminating three Districts of Hyderabad-Karnatak, has given concession to two contractors with regard to cash security by waiving Rule 19 ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—When prohibition was relaxed in Districts other than Bidar, Raichur and Gulbarga and auctions were being held, certain Deputy Commissioners wrote to the Excise Commissioner asking for certain clarification in regard to Rule 19, because Rule 19 was not clear. The Excise Commissioner wrote a circular letter to all those Deputy Commissioners who had sought clarification, and there was no question of sending this letter to the Deputy Commissioners of the three districts of Hyderabad-Karnatak, because auctions were not held there at that time.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Is the Government aware of a letter addressed by the Deputy Secretary, Home Department to the Excise Commissioner not to interfere when he has done nothing but an interpretation of the Rule, and why consequential action was asked to be taken by him ?

Sri RAMAKRISANA HEGDE.—There is no question of taking consequential action. It is true that the Home Department—the Excise Department—wrote to the Excise Commissioner, when he again sought permission whether he can send the copies of this letter to the other Deputy Commissioners also, then the Government said that it is not only not necessary to do so, but it should also be withdrawn, beacuse

in that letter an attempt was made to interpret Rule 19 in the Excise Rules and by that letter of the Excise Commissioner which is in the form of a directive, he cannot supersede the rules.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know when the Excise Commissioner addressed the letter to the Deputy Commissioners and when that fact came to the notice of the Government ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—The letter was written on 12th December 1967 and it came to the notice of the Government some time in the middle of the following year, *i.e.*, 1968.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—A copy of the letter was sent to Government, I am told. What action did Government take on that letter ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—The Excise Commissioner was asked not to circulate this letter to the other three Deputy Commissioners of the Districts, and also to withdraw it because it cannot have an effect of superseding the rules.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ರಾಯಚೂರು ಡಿ. ಸಿ. ಯವರು ಪ್ರತಿವರ್ಷ ಆಕ್ಷನ್ ಚೈನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಲೀವ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಏಕೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ? ಬರದಿದ್ದರೆ ಏಕೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I don't think that is true. ರಾಯಚೂರು ಡಿ.ಸಿ. ಯವರು ಎಕ್ಸ್ಟೆಜ್ ಆಕ್ಷನ್ ಬಂದಾಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ರಜದ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದು ನನ್ನ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ಅದು ಸತ್ಯವಾಗಿರಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲ.

Allotment of Foodgrains

214. Sri T. V. KRISHNAPPA (Channapatna).—

Will the Minister of state for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to staee :—

(*a*) the details of the allotment of foodgrains from 1st January 1968 to the end of November 1968 (Districtwise datails may be furnished ;

(*b*) the basis on which these allotments were made ;

(*c*) whether there was any discrimination between District to District in these allotments ;

(*d*) if so, the reason for the same ?

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Please see statements 'A' to 'D' appended.

(*b*) The requirements of the areas as per scales prescribed and the overall availability of stocks under Government's control.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise.